

Lights of New York

by L. L. STEVENSON

Merlin: At the beginning of the present war, a British skipper, who had been retired because of his years, was called back into service and placed in command of a freighter. His four sons are also men of the sea. Eventually, two found service on their father's ship. That was satisfactory indeed to both father and sons. It would have been far more satisfactory, however, had the other two been with them. But that was not to be. As a matter of fact, as the war progressed and it became more and more difficult for mariners to keep in touch with their families, the father lost track of his other two sons completely. For more than two years, he did not hear a word from them. Recently, the veteran skipper brought his ship into the port of New York. And on the ship at the pier next to the one at which he docked was one of his two missing sons.

Reunion: Naturally the coming together of the three brothers and their father caused a celebration. When arrangements were made for them to leave for the captain and his sons so that they could go sight-seeing together. Possibly Fate took a hand in the matter. But whatever the motivation, in the course of the evening the captain and his three sons went to the Merchant Marine Club at the Ritz Tower and—well, you've guessed it, the fourth son was there. Witnesses said that the father was so overcome that he went all to pieces. But he soon recovered and the five spent the rest of the evening singing songs, sleeping one another on the back and reminiscing. As this is being written, the captain and his sailor sons are making arrangements for another evening out together.

Darkest War: At the traffic light at 2nd and Broadway, the taxi driver suddenly turned his head and remarked, "This is the darkest war I ever heard of. Can't do it at all. In the last world war, I enlisted in the coast guard and got sent to the Philippines where we saw no action at all. So I thought it a nice safe service and got my kid to enlist. And what happens? Well, this morning the wife and I get a letter saying he's been one of the first to land in Sicily."

Ramblings and Ruminations: Two girls looking admiringly at a costly gown display in a Broadway window. "The short one reminding me to tell her companion, 'Maybe we could wear clothes like that if we were defense workers instead of hash slingers'."—and the tall one averring, "What I need most of all is a new pair of feet." Two soldiers wandering up Broadway munching apples. "One comments that fruit from the orchard back home tastes much better and the other, his eyes on a platinum blonde, remarking more to himself, 'You said it, buddy.'"

A young sun-burned soldier busily making snapshots of Broadway throngs with a miniature camera. "Probably his first visit here and he's collecting something to send to the folks back home." A 42nd street pickman doing a brisk business in potato peelers. "And suddenly shutting up when he sights a cop."

The proprietor of a hole-in-the-wall souvenir store chiding away a couple of bootlickers because they distract attention from his window display. "The horse of a mounted policeman, who has dismounted to speak a few words to a motorist who evidently has committed some infraction of the rules, stepping up onto the sidewalk and giving the eye to each peering pedestrian." "Maybe the horse is studying to be a detective." A display in a restaurant window reminding me that again I have missed the Michigan melon season. "Horse players huddled about a Broadway bookmaker whose office is right on the street." Broadwayites back from vacations displaying their sun tans.

Feminine fall hats displayed in Fifth Avenue windows lead me to the belief that there is no hope because women will wear anything that can be balanced on their heads. Something mighty nifty in nickel with a price tag of \$4.00. Takes a lot of dough to keep some ladies happy. A soldier and a civilian engaged in what looks like a game of hide-and-seek in the shadow of the Pulitzer fountain. But to the disappointment of those who stop to loiter, it turns out they are merely taking a bit of friendly exercise and they depart arm-in-arm.

Set Backs—WFO Feature.

Potato and Tomato Are

Growing on Same Plant

PULLMAN, WASH.—In a Washington State college greenhouse is growing a plant that would make a Victory gardener's pulse race.

Potatoes are growing underground and tomatoes are forming on the plant itself above ground.

Dr. Leon K. Jones, associate plant pathologist at the college, developed the hybrid by grafting in an effort to conquer a virus disease in potatoes.

1. Are we producing more food or less since the war began?
2. Why don't we have all we want of what we want?
3. Who is getting the biggest share of our food supply?
4. Why do our armed forces build up such large reserves of food?
5. Why are we helping feed our Allies?
6. Will our food situation get better as we win more victories?



Can you score 100 on this Food Quiz?

These are important food questions of the hour. How many can you answer? Give yourself 10 for each one you get right. Check yourself against the facts below... facts straight from the War Food Administration.

No. 1: The Answer...

We are producing more food than ever before in history.

Despite shortcomings in manpower and machinery and weather handicaps—the American farmer is doing a miraculous job these days.

No. 2: The Answer...

He broke the U.S. record in 1940 in '42. For 1943 he's topping all records again!

No. 3: The Answer...

We American civilians are getting the bulk of our total food production—actually 75% of it for the next twelve months! This is as much food as we had in pre-war years. The remainder is used this way: 15% to the Army and

No. 4: The Answer...

Geographical position of the U.S. assures speedy transportation to battle fronts. Our space and soil enable us to provide what other nations can't.

No. 5: The Answer...

It would be shortsighted and poor strategy not to send food to our Allies (the English and Russians). It is food they sorely need to give them a "fighting edge" to help them knock more of the enemy out of the war.

No. 6: The Answer...

When our armies win a victory, there'll be less of some foods at home—not more.

No. 7: The Answer...

Rationing is necessary—to see to it that everyone gets an opportunity to obtain his fair share of some of our most popular foods, among them foods that are vital for proper health. Without rationing, it would always be a case of who gets to the store first!

No. 8: The Answer...

WE, THE AMERICAN CIVILIANS, annually waste almost enough food to feed our armed forces at home and abroad! The armed forces are working to reduce food waste to an unprecedented low, through better meal planning and education. So can we at home.

No. 9: The Answer...

YOU have a positive part in the wartime food program. You and the 126,000,000 other who are America. You can insure your share, your family's share and

No. 10: The Answer...

Your Government promises that under no circumstances will the food supply be divided in such a way that American civilians will be deprived of Basic Food Requirements.

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Helpful Household Hints

PRODUCE FOOD, where and when you can. Farmers are urged to meet farm goals. City families are urged to plan a bigger Victory Garden, to help out on a farm or in a food processing plant if possible.

CONSERVE FOOD.

Can and preserve food. Cut waste. Stretch your food supply by substituting plentiful for scarce foods. Balance your meals for good nutrition.

SHARE FOOD.

Put the war's food demands first. Share the supplies willingly with your armed forces, your Allies, your neighbors.

PLAY SQUARE WITH FOOD.

Accept no rationed foods without giving up ration stamps. Pay no more than top legal prices under any circumstances.



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Stonewall

Stonewall, Nov. 15.—The Stonewall Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. O. R. Turner Thursday afternoon. Mrs. B.G. Anderson gave very helpful suggestions on home-made Christmas gifts. The hostesses served a salad course. The December meeting will be with Mrs. L. C. Carson.

Miss Faye Thomas, of Arlington, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Thomas.

Miss Ora Lee Perrow, of Arlington, visited her aunt, Miss Alva Moore, here last week.

Mrs. C. E. Spain, of New Orleans, is spending some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings.

Thomas Jennings and Miss Lucy Sison, of Richmond, spent the week

Vera News

Vera, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Lula Beale spent Friday evening with Miss Annie Carney.

Miss Maude Chernaunt spent last Thursday night with her sister, Mrs. Edna Blackwell at Appomattox.

Mrs. Nathalie Robertson spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. J. J. Chernaunt.

Mrs. R. H. Coleman spent a few days last week in Lynchburg with her sister.

Robert and Maude Chernaunt, Harold and Terry Garrett, Mrs. Spence Garrett, motored to Lynchburg Friday morning.

Lillian Spiggle spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Ada Garrett, of Oakville.

Miss Maude Chernaunt spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris, at Buckingham.

Marion and Pete Wright, Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds and family, of Oakville.

We are sorry to hear that little Yvonne Beale is sick with measles.

Walter Chernaunt spent the past week-end in Buckingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reynolds and family were Sunday guests of Mrs. J. J. Chernaunt and son, Clark, at Appomattox.

Miss Ellen Kinney, Doris Lee Reynolds and Marion Wright, last Sunday evening with Miss O. G. Garrett.

Mrs. Alice Steffens, of Florida, is spending awhile with her brother, Mr. Kinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher and son, Harold, Mrs. Margaret Hatcher, Mrs. Percy Thompson, Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Willis

end with Mrs. G. P. Jennings. Miss Margaret Stratton, of Lynchburg College, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Stratton.

Kay, Zane Grey Ross, of Richmond, has accepted a call as supply to the Hebrew field of Baptist Church. He will begin his pastoralate December 1st.

Mrs. W. A. Perrow and son, Robert, of Sherwell visited her father, R. L. Moore here this week.

Mrs. R. L. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jobs and son, Billy, of Gladstone were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Evans and children, of Amherst, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Moore and small daughter spent the week-end with relatives at Gladys.



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three "departmentalized" nests, removable roofs, and has compartments for charcoal, grit, water and mash. The second story front is of glass, while the slanting top is built of sliding slats of wood. Above the slats is a sliding door which may be lifted to admit sunlight. By the lowering of this top and the raising of the ramp, drafts and cold are excluded.

The larger house is 8 by 12 feet, overall height 7 feet 1 inch; in front 6 feet 7 inches, in rear 56 inches. Of the prefabricated type, it comes in eight sections. Main door is 6 feet high by 22 inches wide. Back, with hinges and sliding door for chicken outlet, the house has triple windows, 4 lights each, 9 inches by 12 in size. Side walls are made of 1/2-inch Nu-wood, insulated sheathing, coated with asphalt inside and out. The roof is made of 1/2-inch Gypsum board sheathing covered with 55-pound rolled roofing.

Small Farm Engines

Get Preference Rating

Farm rationing committees of county war boards again have authority to assign preference ratings for delivery of small engines needed in essential food production.

This will apply to about 37,000 air and liquid-cooled internal combustion engines of 20 horsepower and under which will be manufactured during the current year. No state or county quotas will be established for the distribution of these engines, since the production is estimated to be sufficient to meet all essential needs.

The only distribution control will be at the county level, where county farm rationing committees will issue preference rating certificates to farmers or operators of farm machinery for a preference rating of AA2, the highest which can be given a civilian product.

Good Poultry Houses

Experience has shown that the essential of a good poultry house are a dry floor that can be easily cleaned, walls that give protection from wind and excessive cold, enough light, provision for ventilation, and, of course, a firm foundation and a tight roof. As about three-fourths of the heat loss by conduction from a poultry house is lost through the roof, the ceiling is the first part of the house that should be insulated.

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Farm Topics

Factory-Made Coops Ad Chicken Raisers

Trimly Designed Houses Come in Various Sizes

Householders, moved by the red meat shortage, are being converted by the thousands into backyard chicken fanciers. The chicken "population" increase this year over last year alone is about 100 million head. At an all time high, the present chicken population of the country is about 500 million. No census is taken on urban raised chickens, where the rate of increase is greatest.

Interest in chicken raising, dealers say, is now spurred by the introduction and display of small ready-made houses in retail stores. As these become easily procurable in complete units or prefabricated designs now being shown range from quick assembly, about the size of a small box, to large roomy ones big enough to double as hunters' cabins.

Because of the labor shortage and limitations affecting many kinds of building material, the public is finding the ready-made chicken house most easily obtainable. The commercial fabricator on the other hand may use various kinds of sub-materials, material advantageously, or remnants and knotty pieces of lumber.

One of the smaller chicken houses exhibited in the Merchandise Mart, Chicago, was designed to accommodate nine laying hens, or 50 small chicks, and is approximately 8 feet by 3 feet and 4 feet high. The ground floor is a scratching area and is connected by a ramp to the sun deck which is equipped with

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We Virginians can indeed be proud of our police organizations—city, county or state. Most of us have had occasions to call upon the service of our police forces—but that in itself is a tribute to their efficiency. They're on the job day and night whether we need them or not.

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